

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 39-53, 55, and 58 are pending, in which claims 54, 56-57, and 59 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 39, 43, 46, and 50 are currently amended. Neither new matter nor new issues requiring further search or consideration are introduced, since the limitations of dependent claims 54, 56-57, and 59 are incorporated into independent claims 39, 43, 46, and 50, respectively.

The final Office Action mailed August 27, 2003 rejected claims 39-59 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by *Choy et al.* (US 5,551,027). This rejection is respectfully traversed because *Choy et al.* fails to disclose the limitations of the claims. For example, independent claims 39, 43, 46, and 50, as amended, recite: “wherein the dump file includes statements in a data description language (DDL) describing how to recreate the data contained in said each of the selected partitions of the table.”

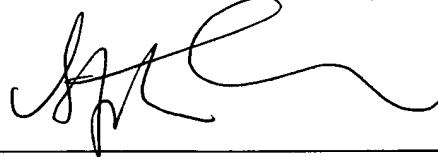
Specifically, *Choy et al.* is directed to a multi-tiered indexing method for partitioned data in distributed or parallel database systems (col. 4:62-65). A “Local Index is created and maintained for each partition of the table” and a Coarse Global Index, which “identifies the indexed partitions by partition identifiers (PIDs)” is optionally created and maintained as well (col. 5:28-32). *Choy et al.* further describes that its Coarse Global Index Table contains an entry “for each distinct Local Index Key Value in each Local Index Table” and that “[e]ach Local Index Entry consists of an Object Identifier, such as record pointer, identifying an object of interest in the corresponding partition and a Local Index Key Value which relates to the identified object of interest.” (col. 8:46-54). *Choy et al.*, however, does not disclose a “dump file” that “includes statements in a data description language (DDL) describing how to recreate the data contained in said each of the selected partitions of the table” as recited in the claims.

The portion of *Choy et al.* cited in the Office Action fails to support the rejection. Therein at col. 8:8-30, *Choy et al.* merely discloses that “an SQL DDL interface may be extended” to create its Global Index, but there is no disclosure that the Global Index itself (if it is to be read upon by the recited “dump table”) includes any DDL statements at all (as opposed to key values), not to mention the “statements in a data description language (DDL) describing how to recreate the data contained in said each of the selected partitions of the table,” as recited in the claims.

Therefore, the present application, as amended, overcomes the objections and rejections of record and is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested. If any unresolved issues remain, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at 703-425-8501 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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